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6	DEQ LAND QUALITY DIVISION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
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9	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
10	9:25 A.M.
11	APRIL 21, 2008
12	PURSUANT TO PUBLIC NOTICE given to all parties in
13	interest, this matter came on for hearing in the Hearing Room at the Oil and Gas Commission building,
14	2211 King Bouldvard, Casper, Wyoming.
15	LQD STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:
16	DONALD R. MCKENZIE, ADMINISTRATOR CRAIG HULTS
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18	BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:
19	ALAN LINFORD, VICE-CHAIRMAN
20	CARL R. DEMSHAR, JR. ROBERT GREEN
21	JOE SLATTERY
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1	PROCEEDINGS
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3	MR. LINFORD: I apologize for not starting
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- 4 on time. We've been waiting for Jim. Apparently
- 5 he's not coming.
- 6 So I'll call this meeting to order.
- 7 The first item on the agenda is
- 8 introductions. In this big room here, if you will
- 9 please speak loudly, so that the recorder here can get
- 10 everything down.
- 11 We'll start over here, with Carl.
- 12 MR. DEMSHAR: I am Carl Demshar. And I'm
- 13 from Rock Springs, Wyoming. And I'm the public
- 14 representative on the board.
- 15 MR. LINFORD: My name is Alan Linford. I'm
- 16 from Star Valley. And I am the political
- 17 representative.
- 18 MR. GREEN: My name is Bob Green. I'm from
- 19 Gillette. And I'm the industry representative.
- 20 MR. SLATTERY: I'm Joe Slattery, from Pine
- 21 Haven. I'm the agricultural representative.
- MR. MCKENZIE: Don McKenzie, Administrator
- 23 for the Land Quality DEQ.
- 24 MR. HULTS: Craig Hults, Land Quality
- 25 Division in Cheyenne.

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- 1 MR. GIRARDIN: Joe Girardin, Environmental
- 2 Quality Council.
- 3 MR. GLOE: Harv Gloe, Office of Surface
- 4 Mining, Casper.
- 5 MR. FLEISCHMAN: Jeff Fleischman, Office of
- 6 Surface Mining, Casper.
- 7 MS. TORSKE: Jamie Torske, Thunder Basin
- 8 Coal.

4-21-08 MINUTES 9 MR. LIEDTKE: Roy Liedtke, Cordero Rojo 10 Mine. 11 MR. GRANT: Matt Grant, Wyoming Mining Association. 12 13 MS. ANDERSON: Shannon Anderson, with the 14 Powder River Resource Council. 15 MS. SCHLADWEILER: Brenda Schladweiler, BKS 16 Environmental Association. 17 MR. LINFORD: Okay. Thank you. The next item on the agenda is the approval 18 of the minutes of January 7th. Well, I've got December 19 20 11th. 21 MR. MCKENZIE: I'll have to change that, 22 Alan. Should be for January 7th. 23 MR. LINFORD: Okay. Any changes that 24 you -- have you got copies of the minutes? Any 25 changes?

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- 3 MR. LINFORD: A motion, then, to approve?
- 4 MR. GREEN: So move.
- 5 MR. LINFORD: It's been moved.
- 6 Is there a second?
- 7 MR. DEMSHAR: Second.
- 8 MR. LINFORD: It's been seconded that we
- 9 approve the minutes of January 7th.
- 10 All in favor.
- 11 (Whereupon, all voting members said
- 12 "aye".)

4-21-08 MINUTES MR. LINFORD: Motion carried. 13 Item No. 3 on the agenda, Rule Package 1-Y. 14 I'll turn it over to Don, or to Craig. 15 16 MR. McKENZIE: Craig? 17 MR. HULTS: Yes. 18 MR. MCKENZIE: Can we go ahead and start 19 the presentation? 20 MR. HULTS: Sure. I put together a little 21 Power Point, just to run through. It's a pretty 22 small package. But I wanted to give you some kind of 23 introduction. 24 This package is drafted to address five 25 deficiencies that the OSM had labeled with our program. 5 There is four actual kind of categories that these were 1 2 drafted together. The deficiencies came through a 732 letter, 3 4 which is the OSM's review of our program if they either revise the rules, if the conditions change that there 5 6 are new rules needed to support say new technologies or 7 something on the ground that's different. They also do 8 it if it's no longer meeting the requirements of SMCRA, 9 which is probably the case here. 10 These letters were drafted back in 1985, '88 and 1990. So these deficiencies have been on the books 11 for quite some time now. 12 13 The 732 process -- I just kind of wanted to give you a little history of that. I know we have some 14 15 new board members. 16 The OSM will review the program once one of 17 those changes is made, whether it be OSM has revised Page 4

- 18 their rules or there's been a change to SMCRA. And
- 19 what they will do is go through pretty much line by
- 20 line and check our regs to see which are less effective
- 21 or not as stringent as SMCRA.
- The State is informed of these deficiencies,
- 23 and that is the 732 letter that they send out.
- 24 The State is given a chance to respond either
- 25 informally or formally at that point. Typically

- 1 they're given about 60 days to respond.
- 2 At that point, it may be that the State is
- 3 required to amend its actual program. In some cases
- 4 they can work things out or point to a different area
- of our rules that may address their concern.
- In these five instances we didn't have that.
- 7 So it was requiring a rule change. And at that point
- 8 we initiate the rule-making process which brings us
- 9 here today.
- 10 We would go through the (inaudible) again.
- 11 The second stage of this is the public meetings. And
- 12 once that is finalized by the Governor and signed into
- 13 effect, those rules are submitted then to OSM for a
- 14 final approval.
- 15 Once those are approved -- if they are
- 16 approved -- the deficiencies would be removed. They
- 17 are oftentimes codified either in the CFR or just in
- 18 the 732 letter.
- 19 And so that's kind of what brought us here
- 20 today with these five deficiencies.
- 21 We'll go through a guick summary of the

- 22 changes. The first one, what we are required to do is
- 23 have a telephone number of the applicant, or an
- 24 operator, if they are different from the applicant.
- 25 It should be a fairly easy fix. In the

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- 1 actual Rule Package I added it to any kind of business
- 2 interests that are associated with the application,
- 3 just to make sure we got everybody in there.
- 4 The second change we had was the
- 5 confidentiality of application materials. Now, this
- 6 specifically related to lands that were under
- 7 protection of the Archaeological Resources Protection
- 8 Act.
- 9 The way this has been designed is -- or the
- 10 way that it was written was to include many of the
- 11 procedures that were already there, but just start
- 12 identifying them and clarifying that these procedures
- 13 were there already. This will allow -- it's through
- 14 practice and procedure through the EQC and also through
- 15 our Records Act and the Environmental Quality Act.
- 16 So those three in tandem cover, I think, what
- 17 OSM was looking for in this case, without upsetting the
- 18 apple cart too much; just referring them back to
- 19 statutes and procedures that were already in place.
- The third one is a prime farmland exemption
- 21 that we had. And this took small acreages of prime
- 22 farmland and removed them from the performance
- 23 standards for reclamation.
- In this case, there isn't a whole lot of
- 25 prime farmland in Wyoming, so it should be a fairly

1 moot point. The performance standards would still be

- 2 in place and this small acreage exemption is just being
- 3 removed.
- 4 I think back in '92 or so we had responded
- 5 that we would remove that from our program but it never
- 6 was removed. So this would just be one to clean up at
- 7 this point.
- 8 And the final one is related to design
- 9 standards for impoundments.
- 10 The first deficiency that they noted was that
- 11 we couldn't have or couldn't use single closed-conduit
- 12 spillways, and also updates the design precipitation
- 13 events which are associated with those.
- 14 The second one is revising standards and the
- 15 design precipitation events again, related to
- 16 impoundment structures that are intended to impound
- 17 coal mine waste and that also meet the criteria of 30
- 18 CFR 77.216(a). And that -- 30 CFR is our equivalent of
- 19 a major impoundment. It's the same structures that
- 20 we're talking about. We use the term "major
- 21 impoundment" and we also reference this section of the
- 22 rules in our regulations. So hopefully they're
- 23 dovetailed together somewhat.

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- 24 And that should be the four changes. Pretty
- 25 simple, but something that we thought we could clarify

- 1 some of these deficiencies and get them off the books.
- 2 We initially had an effort, back in the '80s,
- 3 to put together a list -- or maybe the early '90s -- of

- 4 all of the deficiencies that have come through over
- 5 time, be it 732 letters that were codified. That list
- 6 totaled I think 120 some line items that they had in
- 7 there that we were required to fix. I believe we're
- 8 down in the 40s or 50s, somewhere in there.
- 9 These particular ones in this Rule Package
- 10 were kind of oddballs and just didn't really fit into a
- 11 group anywhere, so they were just put together as a
- 12 miscellaneous package. And that's what brings us here
- 13 today.
- 14 Now, I thought after that intro we could go
- 15 through the actual rule language. And what I'll be
- 16 working off of is the Statement of Reasons that was
- 17 provided. Any changes we decide on today will be
- 18 plugged into the actual chapter. But the working file
- 19 is generally that Statement of Reasons.
- 20 (Whereupon, there was a brief pause in
- 21 the proceedings.)
- 22 MR. HULTS: The Rule Package itself
- 23 contains a bit of an introduction, a little more
- 24 clarification on why we're making these changes, a
- 25 small summary of the changes, and then gets into the

- 1 actual language.
- The first change we had was to Chapter 2,
- 3 Section 2(a)(i)(B). And here again, that was -- all I
- 4 did was add in the names, addresses and telephone
- 5 numbers of any operators if different from the
- 6 applicant. That was the deficiency that they noted.
- 7 I also added the telephone numbers for the

9	principal agents, officers, shareholders.
10	And so I'm hoping that will cover the
11	deficiency. Pretty straightforward.
12	Any discussion on that one?
13	(Whereupon, there was a brief pause in
14	the proceedings.)
15	MR. HULTS: Hearing none, I can move on.
16	The second change again, this was Chapter
17	2, Section 2(a)(vi)(R). Again, this was dealing with
18	cultural and historic and archaeological resources.
19	The language that was added was that we had
20	initially sent this in to address a deficiency I
21	believe that was in I want to say '88. When this
22	was reviewed, as part of the Federal Register, they
23	said we had addressed the fact that we needed to place
24	some of these materials outside of a confidential in
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- 13 be heard. And it labels some of those and identifies
- 14 those. The Public Records Act -- again, that lays out
- 15 some of the -- the procedures that are available if
- 16 somebody wants disclosure or is opposing disclosure of
- 17 information. The Environmental Quality Act also
- 18 touches a bit on confidential procedures, too.
- 19 So those will be tied in and wrapped in and
- 20 hopefully that will address this deficiency, as well.
- 21 Open to discussion on this, as well.
- 22 (Whereupon, there was a brief pause in
- the proceedings.)
- MR. LINFORD: Any comments? Okay.
- 25 Proceed.

- 1 MR. HULTS: This third change here was that
- 2 prime farmland exemption that we had. And basically,
- 3 the language was just struck out. We had in there
- 4 that small acreages of prime farmland which the
- 5 administrator, in consultation with the conservation
- 6 districts, would be exempt from reconstruction
- 7 standards. However, as this was labeled as a
- 8 deficiency and prime farmland isn't a big concern
- 9 here in this case, that language was just struck out.
- 10 And hopefully that will satisfy this deficiency, as
- 11 well.
- 12 MR. LINFORD: Comments? Questions?
- 13 (Whereupon, there was a brief pause in
- the proceedings.)
- MR. LINFORD: Proceed.
- 16 MR. HULTS: And this final one -- which
- 17 apparently we do have comments on -- this one was Page 10

- 18 added in response to OSM stating that we couldn't use
- 19 the single channel closed conduit for -- which ones
- 20 are these -- for temporary impoundments.
- In Subsection (L) we added that language,
- 22 that temporary impoundments shall include either a
- 23 combination of the principal and emergency spillways.
- 24 And what this language tried to do is mimic, as
- 25 much as possible, the OSM language.

- 1 Part of the problem is, over time, there was
- 2 a distinction between temporary and permanent
- 3 impoundments. That has since passed in the OSM eyes.
- 4 It's a matter of the level of damage that could incur
- 5 if an impoundment was to breach or that sort of -- it's
- 6 more of a danger standard; what's the possible outcome
- 7 if this thing was to breach.
- 8 So our rules -- without going into too much
- 9 change and trying to clean this up too much -- it was
- 10 decided that we would just add these specific areas
- 11 that we wanted to address, to touch on the deficiencies
- 12 more than anything.
- I know some of the other applicable standards
- 14 are kind of scattered throughout the chapter. But I
- 15 believe these are what we want to address.
- We also added that for spillways on temporary
- 17 impoundments that meet the major impoundments or the 30
- 18 CFR, that design standard would be the hundred year,
- 19 six-hour precipitation event.
- 20 And then temporary impoundments -- this is
- 21 (B) -- which met the criteria of 30 CFR 77.216(a) and

- 22 are intended to impound coal mine waste -- those need
- 23 to be designed to meet the probable maximum
- 24 precipitation of a six-hour precipitation event.
- 25 Those were the changes that were made in this

- 1 area.
- 2 And I know there are some comments, so we can
- 3 go from there.
- 4 MR. LINFORD: Matt, do you want to address
- 5 your letter?
- 6 MR. GRANT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and
- 7 Members of the Advisory Board.
- 8 My name is Matt Grant. I'm from the Wyoming
- 9 Mining Association.
- 10 I have everyone a letter that has the
- 11 comments that I'll be making. I'm gonna start here on
- 12 the second paragraph.
- 13 WMA strongly supports LQD's efforts to keep
- 14 the Wyoming program in compliance with OSM regulations
- 15 and we agree with all but one of the proposed changes.
- 16 WMA believes that the proposed wording in the change
- 17 dealing with the design standards for single closed
- 18 conduit spillways for impoundments may now imply that
- 19 all temporary impoundments must have spillways.
- 20 Current practice throughout the Wyoming coal program
- 21 allows temporary impoundments to be constructed without
- 22 a spillway if it is designed to completely contain all
- 23 runoff from the design precipitation event and the mine
- 24 has adequate equipment to safely remove the stored
- 25 water if necessary.

1	The OSM rules break up the performance
2	standards for impoundments into three sections. The
3	first section lists "General Requirements"
4	(30 CFR 816.49(a)). It is this section, which applies
5	to all impoundments (temporary and permanent) that
6	Wyoming received a deficiency. Therefore, we recommend
7	that the proposed rule at Chapter 4, Section
8	2(g)(iv)(L) be revised by deleting the first word in
9	the sentence, "Temporary." With the change, the
10	proposed rule would now correspond to the federal
11	requirement.
12	However, it would now logically be
13	interpreted that all impoundments must have a spillway.
14	The OSM rules deal with this by then specifying
15	requirements for specific standards for "Permanent
16	Impoundments" and then "Temporary Impoundments". It is
17	this section on temporary impoundments of the OSM rules
18	which specifically allows the regulatory authority to
19	approve a temporary impoundment without a spillway.
20	Therefore, since the intent of the proposed
21	LQD rule change was to simply prohibit the use of
22	single closed conduit spillways and not to require that
23	all impoundments all temporary impoundments must
24	have a spillway, we recommend that Wyoming add a
25	countpart rule to 30 CFR 816.49(c)(2) that would
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continue the current practice in Wyoming of allowing 1

the construction of temporary impoundments without 2

spillways when specific design criteria are met. This 3

- could be accomplished by simply adding a new section 4
- 5 below the proposed revision at Chapter 4, Section
- 6 2(g)(iv)(M): In lieu of meeting the requirements in
- 7 Section (L) above, the administrator may approve a
- 8 temporary impoundment that relies primarily on storage
- to control the runoff from the design precipitation 9
- 10 event when it is demonstrated by the operator and
- 11 certified by a qualified Registered Professional
- 12 Engineer or qualified Registered Professional Land
- 13 Surveyor that the impoundment will safely control the
- 14 design precipitation event, the water from which could
- 15 be safely removed in accordance with current, prudent,
- 16 engineering practices. Such an impoundment shall be
- 17 located where failure would not be expected to cause
- loss of life or serious property damage. 18
- 19 Thank you, members of the committee, for
- 20 allowing me to make those statements.
- 21 Are there any questions? Thank you.
- 22 MR. LINFORD: Any questions?
- 23 MR. GREEN: If I might -- Bob Green. If I
- 24 might, I do support WMA's distinction with the
- 25 temporary impoundments.

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I can think of several examples on a minesite 1

- 2 wherein you would have a large impoundment within the
- 3 floor of the pit itself. That certainly is not -- if
- 4 that overflows, it's certainly not going to render any
- 5 damage outside the pit.
- Similarly, there are impoundments that are 6
- 7 utilized very temporary above the pit wall to stop
- 8 water from coming into the pit. Those may last for a Page 14

- 9 week or two. And to me, if we were to require every 10 one of those to have a design spillway, oftentimes it 11 would probably take as long to design the spillway as the impoundment would have a life. 12 So I feel that these recommendations are 13 reasonable and practical. And I did indeed take a look 14 at OSM's rules and regs, and they certainly do 15 16 correspond. 17 So I strongly support WMA's revisions. 18 MR. LINFORD: Thank you. Don, any comments 19 from you that you can see? 20 MR. MCKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, I can think of 21 another example. We oftentimes do have a -- sized 22 impoundments where a spillway wouldn't make sense. 23 MR. LINFORD: So this would -- this 24 proposed language then, that would leave a lot up to 25 you, to make that determination? Or the mine itself? 18 1 MR. McKENZIE: That would leave me the 2 ability to make a call depending on the specifics of 3 the design, as well as my district supervisors as my 4 agent. 5 MR. LINFORD: Okay. So you don't see any 6 problem with making this change?
 - 7 MR. MCKENZIE: No.

- 8 MR. LINFORD: Joe?
- 9 MR. SLATTERY: I gotta agree with both Bob
- 10 and Don. Having been in the coal mine, there's
- 11 places where spillways wouldn't be needed.
- 12 MR. DEMSHAR: I guess when I look at the

- 13 language I don't have any real issue with it.
- 14 I would certainly agree with Mr. Green, that
- 15 you could spend as much time designing a spillway and
- 16 getting it in place as it would take to -- that might
- 17 Obe the life of the impoundment itself.
- 18 The question I would have for Bob is -- you
- 19 know, what are -- what is the frequency of these
- 20 temporary impoundments at a minesite? Is it a monthly
- 21 thing, or is it a -- is that a unfair question?
- MR. GREEN: Well, I don't think there's a
- 23 set frequency. But it generally depends on the
- 24 topography --
- MR. DEMSHAR: Okay.

- 1 MR. GREEN: -- for one thing. Your -- your
- 2 pit advance, for another. The rate of the advance.
- 3 So it's dependent on a lot of factors.
- 4 MR. DEMSHAR: Okay.
- 5 MR. GREEN: But basically, there -- there
- 6 are simply short-term tools to manage the water.
- 7 MR. DEMSHAR: And if spillways were
- 8 required on temporary impoundments, that would
- 9 probably impede the use of it as a temporary tool to
- 10 manage water at a minesite.
- MR. GREEN: Absolutely.
- 12 MR. DEMSHAR: Okay. Thank you.
- 13 MR. LINFORD: Any further comments?
- 14 (Whereupon, there was a brief pause in
- the proceedings.)
- 16 MR. LINFORD: Okay. The Chair will
- 17 entertain a motion, then, to accept the proposed Page 16

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18	language as proposed by the mining association.
19	MR. GREEN: I would so move.
20	MR. LINFORD: Okay. It has been moved by
21	Mr. Green.
22	Is there a second?
23	MR. SLATTERY: I'll second.
24	MR. LINFORD: Seconded by Joe.
25	All in favor?
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1	(Whereupon, all voting members said
2	"aye".)
3	MR. LINFORD: Motion carried.
4	We will insert that as (M).
5	Now, do we need to change (L), to just delete
6	the word "temporary"?
7	MR. GREEN: Yes.
8	MR. LINFORD: Does that need another
9	motion?
10	MR. GREEN: I believe it's changed with the
11	changes in this letter. But I'd be glad to have a
12	second motion if you would like.
13	MR. LINFORD: Let's do, to keep it clean.
14	MR. GREEN: I would move that we remove the
15	term "temporary" from Subsection (L) and capitalize
16	"impoundments".
17	MR. LINFORD: Okay. Is there a second?
18	MR. DEMSHAR: Second.
19	MR. LINFORD: Seconded by Mr. Demshar.
20	All in favor?

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(Whereupon, all voting members said

4-21-08 MINUTES 22 "aye".) 23 MR. LINFORD: Motion carried. 24 Craig? 25 MR. HULTS: That brings us to the end of 21 1 the package. I will install that language and remove 2 the "temporary". And that was the end of the Rule 3 Package. And hopefully that will address some of our 4 remaining deficiencies. 5 MR. LINFORD: Okay. Now I believe then we 6 will approve this final package to go to Mr. Corra. 7 MR. MCKENZIE: We'll make that 8 recommendation and then proceed with a schedule. MR. LINFORD: Do we need to make that in a 9 10 motion? 11 MR. MCKENZIE: I don't believe so. 12 MR. LINFORD: Okay. We've been working on it for a long time. It will just go as is. 13 14 And when will they meet? 15 MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, we still have 16 to schedule the prior Rule Package on the vegetation 17 standards. This was the topic of our conversation 18 January. I believe Craig is just about finished with 19 all of the changes that came up in our last board 20 meeting. 21 We're also working on what we're calling a 22 Super Guideline, to go along with that Rule Package. 23

- And once we have that draft available -- which we
- 24 expect to be at the end of June -- then we will
- 25 approach the Department of Quality Council to schedule

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1 on the vegetation standards rule package and this
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- 2 particular package, this miscellaneous package.
- 3 I'm guessing it will fall into probably the
- 4 first quarter of 2009.
- 5 MR. HULTS: Yeah.
- 6 MR. LINFORD: Okay. Thank you.
- 7 MR. FLEISCHMAN: If I could --
- 8 MR. LINFORD: Yes, sir.
- 9 MR. FLEISCHMAN: If I could make a
- 10 suggestion, since this one seems very simple, if we
- 11 could lump this one in with the other package. I
- 12 don't know if that's asking too much or not.
- 13 MR. HULTS: It would be a bit difficult,
- 14 just because of the -- the way the packages are
- 15 structured.

- MR. FLEISCHMAN: Okay.
- 17 MR. HULTS: We'd be sticking language
- 18 into -- and this may happen with this, too. Because
- 19 1-S dealt with Chapters 2 and 4. And this one does,
- 20 as well. So if any changes are made along the way --
- 21 I think this would be better to plug in with perhaps
- 22 maybe our valid existing rights, if we get that going
- 23 together. 1-S is just so huge that I think some of
- 24 this would be lost in there.
- 25 MR. FLEISCHMAN: Okay. That's fine.

- 1 MR. GIRARDIN: Excuse me. This is Joe
- 2 Girardin, with the EQC.
- 3 I'm actually going to push that they get

- 4 hooked together. Because the council's not going to
- 5 want to meet on such -- for simply this small of a
- 6 package. They are going to want to have more.
- 7 MR. HULTS: And that's what I would
- 8 suggest. I think we just have some topics, like
- 9 valid existing rights, which may be a smaller package
- 10 that would blend better with these.
- 11 MR. GIRARDIN: So you're saying bring more
- 12 packages in and submit them?
- 13 MR. HULTS: Oh, yeah. We have the veg
- 14 package. We've done a blasting package. We've done
- 15 this one now.
- 16 I think our next one scheduled is actually
- 17 coal mine -- or non-coal mine waste.
- 18 I think there is some smaller ones that would
- 19 blend better with this package, as opposed to the very
- 20 large rule packages. The vegetation one, that's 150
- 21 pages or more, just the Statement of Reasons. So I
- 22 think it would be easier to deal with this more
- 23 discretely and in tandem with a smaller package that
- 24 we've put together.
- 25 MR. GIRARDIN: I know that they have been

- 1 frustrated with like Air Quality before, when they
- 2 submitted packages to just update their rules.
- 3 MR. HULTS: Sure.
- 4 MR. GIRARDIN: You know, to change the
- 5 dates in their rules.
- 6 MR. HULTS: Yeah.
- 7 MR. GIRARDIN: So I've already been
- 8 instructed to encourage that smaller ones be put in Page 20

- 9 with other ones. 10 MR. HULTS: And I believe that 1-S will be 11 more than enough in one sitting --12 MR. GIRARDIN: Okay. 13 MR. HULTS: -- and then go from there. 14 MR. GIRARDIN: Okay. 15 MR. HULTS: I think we'll have enough of these smaller ones that were perhaps more discrete 16 issues that can be stuck together a little more 17 easily as opposed to 1-S. I mean, that's been going 18 19 on for so many years that I just don't want to upset that apple cart too much. 20 21 MR. GIRARDIN: The other concern is how 22 long the deficiencies have already been there. 23 MR. HULTS: Yeah. 24 MR. GIRARDIN: I know the council wants to 25 clear them up. 25 1 MR. HULTS: Oh, yeah. 2 MR. GIRARDIN: So ... 3 MR. HULTS: I think the veg one deals with close to 20 some deficiencies or more. 4 5 MR. GIRARDIN: Okay. 6 MR. FLEISCHMAN: Just from the OSM 7 standpoint, we really appreciate everybody in the state working to get these things cleared up. I 8 9 inherited this mess, and it's -- you know, a personal
 - 10 thing of mine to get this thing fixed so we can move
 - 11 on and be just like every other state.

MR. MCKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, if I may?

- 13 MR. LINFORD: Yes.
- 14 MR. McKENZIE: Joe, to respond to your
- 15 comments, I do appreciate your being here.
- 16 We have another Rule Package that we have yet
- 17 to get on the board in front of the council with
- 18 regards to our blasting standards. And I would hope
- 19 that a small package like this one we're speaking to
- 20 today, as well as the upcoming package which -- with
- 21 respect to solid waste -- we have a possibility of
- 22 combining those.
- 23 But I do agree with Craig that if we get
- 24 packages in front of council where we have changes in
- 25 the same chapters it does get a little confusing

- 1 between the packages. What you are dealing with is
- 2 making a change on one Rule Package in that chapter
- 3 that may affect what we're trying to do in that other
- 4 Rule Package.
- 5 MR. GIRARDIN: Understand that.
- 6 MR. MCKENZIE: Okay. Thank you.
- 7 MR. LINFORD: Thank you.
- 8 Continuing with our agenda, any other items for
- 9 discussion? Don do you have --
- 10 MR. MCKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, just the
- 11 upcoming solid waste package that we need to schedule
- 12 for our next meeting, our suggested next rule
- 13 package.
- 14 MR. LINFORD: Location? Date for the next
- 15 board meeting?
- MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, I prefer this
- 17 location. I don't know if anyone else has a Page 22

- 18 preference. But this facility is set up quite well
- 19 for our purposes, and I would recommend that we try
- 20 to schedule our next meeting here.
- 21 Two dates that I would like to have the board
- 22 consider would be July 14th or July 21st. Those are
- 23 Mondays.
- 24 MR. LINFORD: Have you checked with the
- 25 scheduling of this facility for those days?

- 1 MR. MCKENZIE: I have not. I wanted to
- 2 make sure that the board was pleased with the
- 3 facilities before making a commitment.
- 4 MR. LINFORD: All right. I would prefer
- 5 the 21st.
- 6 MR. DEMSHAR: Works better for me, also.
- 7 MR. GREEN: Okay.
- 8 MR. LINFORD: Joe?
- 9 MR. SLATTERY: Yes.
- 10 MR. McKENZIE: Thank you.
- 11 MR. LINFORD: 21st of July. Nine o'clock,
- 12 here?
- 13 MR. MCKENZIE: Yes. And Mr. Chairman, I'll
- 14 confirm that --
- MR. LINFORD: Okay.
- 16 MR. MCKENZIE: -- once I get with the folks
- 17 that schedule the room.
- 18 MR. LINFORD: This is a great facility.
- 19 Kind of got lost in it, though. Kind of big for our
- 20 group. But we've had bigger numbers, so this will be
- 21 just fine.

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               Motion to adjourn?
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               MR. DEMSHAR: So moved.
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               MR. GREEN: I'll second.
               MR. LINFORD: Okay. This meeting is
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          adjourned, at 10:05 a.m.)
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